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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR US UG

SUBJECT: US-UGANDAN RELATIONS

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1. UNDER SECRETARY SISCO RECEIVED RAMATHAN AND MEMBERS  
OF UGANDAN DELEGATION MARCH 3. UGANDANS  
PRESENTED TWO WRITTEN MESSAGES FROM AMIN TO PRESIDENT FORD.  
MAIN THRUST OF UGANDAN APPROACH WAS TO STATE GOU DESIRE  
FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S.,  
AND TO CONVEY INVITATION TO U.S. TO REOPEN ITS EMBASSY IN  
KAMPALA. SISCO'S RESPONSE WAS NON-COMMITTAL, PROMISING ON-  
LY THAT U.S. WOULD CONSIDER UGANDAN PROPOSALS.

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2. IN FOLLOW-UP SESSION MARCH 4 WITH ACTING AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY AND OTHER AF OFFICIALS, UGANDANS STRESSED THAT POLITICAL TURMOIL IN UGANDA OF PAST FOUR YEARS, INCLUDING KILLINGS AND DISAPPEARANCES, MUST BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF GOVERNMENT BESIEGED BY HOSTILE ELEMENTS BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE WORKING OF GOVERNMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS OF ECONOMIC NATIONALISM. UGANDANS STATED THAT SITUATION NOW STABLE AND THAT GOU DESIROUS OF IMPROVING ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE AND OF ATTRACTING FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

3. DEPT OFFICIALS MENTIONED U.S. CONCERN, BOTH IN GOVERNMENT AND AMONG PUBLIC OVER ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN UGANDA, STRESSED THAT U.S. EMBASSY COULD NOT FUNCTION IN ATMOSPHERE OF SUSPICION LIKE THAT WHICH EXISTED AND NECESSITATED 1973 WITHDRAWAL. UGANDANS WERE TOLD THAT AMIN'S ABYSMAL IMAGE IN U.S. WOULD LIKELY CONTINUE AND THAT PRESENT TENOR OF U.S. PRESS COVERAGE RE AMIN NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE, PARTICULARLY IF HE CONTINUES TO MAKE OUTRAGEOUS STATEMENTS AND TAKE ERRATIC ACTIONS. DEPT ALSO PUSHED FOR SETTLEMENT OF EXPROPRIATION CLAIM OF NATIONALIZED U.S. FIRM.

4. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WAS FRANK BUT FRIENDLY. UGANDAN REPRESENTATIVES, WHO APPRECIATED COURTESIES EXTENDED THEM, CLEARLY HOPEFUL THAT USG WILL RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THEIR MISSION, BUT THEY LEFT WELL AWARE OF SEVERAL PROBLEMS WHICH CONTINUE TO AFFECT OUR RELATIONSHIP.

5. FYI ONLY:

-- AS INDICATED REFTEL, DEPT REMAINS UNCONVINCED ON DESIRABILITY OF REOPENING OUR EMBASSY IN KAMPALA. WE EXPECT TO RESPOND TO UGANDAN PROPOSAL ALONG THESE LINES IN DUE COURSE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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